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Sure Way of Killing a Shark.

In the British navy the engineers have a curious way of killing sharks. They seal up a dynamite cartridge in an empty can, and put the can inside a lump of pork. The pork is thrown overboard on a wire, which has been connected with an electric battery. When the shark takes the bait the engineer presses a button, which explodes the cartridge and kills the fish.

SALT MACKEREL.

Todays Receipts Sold to William H. Jordan & Co.

All the fares of salt mackerel on the market today sold to William H. Jordan & Co., at \$12 per barrel, an advance over last sales of \$1 per barrel. The fares taken today by this firm at the \$12 figure were schs. Smuggler, Golden Hope, Constellation and Monitor.

Big Shack Trip.

Sch. Orinoco, Capt. Miles Somers, arrived last evening from Western Bank with one of the largest shack fares of the season, 180,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish. This is probably the largest fresh fish fare of the season, and shows that Capt. Somers is keeping up the record which he has previously made for big fares.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Colonial sold to the New England Fish Company and Gardner & Parsons at 10 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lucania, Georges, 74 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Angielena, Georges, 55 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, 20,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Maud M. Story, Georges, 16,000 lbs. cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, Rips, 26,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Olympia, Rips, 25,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Lelia E. Norwood, Georges, 12,000 lbs. cod, 10,000 lbs. fresh cod, 12,000 lbs. salt cusk, 55,000 lbs. fresh cusk, 6000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Niagara, Georges, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 6000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Grand Bank, 50,000 lbs. halibut.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$3.75 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.37 1-2 for large, \$3.00 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.00; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$1.75, medium \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.50 haddock, \$1; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 70c
Outside sales Georges handline cod, \$4.25 for large and \$3.50 for mediums.

Georges halibut, 10 1-2 cts per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

Rips cod, \$4 for large and \$3.30 for medium.

Salt mackerel, \$12.75 per barrel.

Fresh mackerel, 13 cents each.

Boston.

Sch. Norumbega, 150 bbls. salt mackerel 14,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. George Parker, 25 bbls. salt mackerel, 11,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, 12,000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. I. J. Merritt, Jr., 23,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 2000 hake, 200 pollock.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 32,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 2000 haddock, 800 cod 7000 pollock.

Sch. Quannapowit, 28,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 1200 hake.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1000 haddock, 900 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 18,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 22,000 hake.

Sch. Bohemia, 30,000 haddock, 48,000 cod, 300 pollock.

Sch. Tecumseh, 53 swordfish.

Sch. Flora Sears, 24,000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Haddock, \$2; large cod, \$3.75; market cod, \$3.50; pollock, \$3; mackerel, 13 cents each; swordfish, 4 1-2 cents per lb.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Albert D. Willard arrived at Portland on Monday.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, Capt. Henry M. Atwood, stocked \$1528 on her recent shack trip.

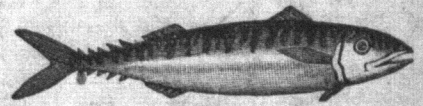
Sch. Arbitrator, Capt. Wilson Spinney, stocked \$1313 on her recent shack trip.

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MACKEREL ON GEORGES.

Three Fine Fares Are at Boston This Morning.

No Fish Yet Seen in the Bay of Fundy.



Some of the mackerel fleet have struck good fishing on Georges recently and in consequence three fine fares are being taken out at Boston this morning. Sch. George Parker, Capt. Wesley Farmer, arrived there yesterday afternoon with 11,000 fresh mackerel in count and sold at 15 cents each.

This morning sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Charles H. Harty, arrived there with 10,000 fresh mackerel and sch. Norumbega, Capt. John McKinnon, also came in there with the banner trip, 14,000 fresh mackerel in count and 150 barrels of salt mackerel. The fresh mackerel of these last two fares sold at 13 cents each.

All three of these fares were taken on Georges. There is some doubt about just what part of the bank the fish were taken, but it is generally thought that they were secured on the southeast part.

The fare of sch. Angielena has been sold to Fred Bradley at \$12.75 per barrel.

The fare of sch. Priscilla Smith sold to Shute & Merchant at \$13 per barrel.

Sch. Lucania arrived at this port this morning with 74 barrels of salt mackerel, taken recently off the South Shoal lightship and on Georges. Capt. Welch has had a look up across the bank and around the Lurcher and up in the Bay of Fundy, but saw no mackerel. He is in port for a foretopmast to replace the one carried away a few days ago.

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Apropos of mackerel, I have been looking over an old book of mine which gives the catch of these fish from 1808 to 1881, a period of 74 years. I find that in 1808 the whole number of barrels of mackerel landed in Gloucester was 238; in 1809, 46; 1810, none; 1811, 6; 1812, none; 1813, 91; 1814, none. The Gloucester catch ran small, averaging about 130 barrels per year, until 1821, when 2176 barrels were landed, and in 1825, 9359. For the years from 1828 to 1838 inclusive, the catch was 490,992, averaging nearly 50,000 barrels per year. The catch fell off the next year. In 1845 the catch began to increase again, reaching 48,711 barrels for that year. The following 15 years bringing the catch up to 1860, was very large, amounting to 850,235 barrels, averaging 56,677 barrels per year. But the great catches were made from 1860 to 1881, inclusive, which foots up to 2,187,422 barrels landed here in Gloucester during the 22 years. That was a big pile of mackerel for one fishing town to handle, averaging 99,428 barrels per year.

The banner years were 1864, when 154,938 barrels were landed; 1863, 153,893 barrels; 1865, 141,576; 1866, 114,053; 1867, 113,917. In several of these years Gloucester landed more than one half of the entire Massachusetts inspection.

Business was good hereabout, when the mackerel were plentiful, as the industry gave employment to many men in the catching and marketing. The catch continued good until 1885, when the entire catch of the state was 215,576. The next year 1886, it fell off to 62,828; in 1889 the total catch was 27,065 barrels and in 1903, 42,332.

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BIG FARES.

Three Vessels Have Them at This Port This Morning.

Schs Theodore Roosevelt, Flirt and Lelia E. Norwood the Crafts.

Three fine trips of fish are at this port this morning, from three different fishing grounds. Sch. Flirt, Capt. Alfred Green, arrived from Western Bank with one of the largest shack fares of the season, having 175,000 pounds of fresh fish and 5000 pounds of salt fish, taken on Western Bank.

This morning sch. Lelia E. Norwood, Capt. Alfred Johnson, arrived from Georges halibut-ing with a dandy trip including 6000 pounds of halibut, 25,000 pounds of salt fish and 60,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly large cusk. The best part of this trip is that it was grabbed up in short order and not a moment wasted, the vessel having been gone from this port only 13 days, which is certainly quick work.

The best trip of the day is that which sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. James McHenry, brought in this forenoon from the shoal water of Grand Bank, comprising 50,000 pounds of fine fresh halibut in good order. The fare sold to the New England Fish Company at 9 cents per pound for white and 6 cents for gray. As the Roosevelt was gone only a month and the trip is an extra large one, Capt. McHenry and his crew will make a big stock and share.